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**HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 53**  
**46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003**  
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**A JOINT MEMORIAL**

**REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE TO  
DETERMINE THE SCOPE AND COST OF PERFORMING A COMPREHENSIVE  
REVIEW OF THE STATE PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM TO IDENTIFY COST  
SAVINGS AS WELL AS ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS THAT  
WILL FACILITATE INCREASED STUDENT PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENT.**

**WHEREAS, a well-educated citizenry is an essential  
component of New Mexico's economic well-being; and**

**WHEREAS, state education tax dollars should be spent as  
efficiently as possible in a manner that yields optimal  
learning environments and performance results from students,  
teachers and schools; and**

**WHEREAS, a world-class education system is marked by  
resource efficiency, including maximizing the dollars reaching  
the classroom, teacher excellence, accountability, performance**

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1 criteria and measurable student achievement; and

2 WHEREAS, to the extent possible, any cost savings  
3 generated within the state education system as a result of  
4 improved operational processes should be redirected toward  
5 improving the performance of students, schools and teachers;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, education investment decisions should be  
8 prudently made, accountably administered and strategically  
9 focused to yield demonstrable results that produce maximum  
10 value for each dollar invested; and

11 WHEREAS, reducing the bureaucracy and associated costs of  
12 New Mexico's education system will help provide much of the  
13 funding necessary to implement crucial education reform  
14 initiatives;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative education study  
17 committee be requested to determine the scope and cost of  
18 performing a comprehensive review of the state public education  
19 system by the appropriate state agency or department to  
20 identify cost savings as well as organizational and process  
21 improvements that will facilitate increased student performance  
22 and achievement; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative education  
24 study committee be requested to report its scope and cost  
25 estimate for the comprehensive study to the legislative finance

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1 committee no later than October 1, 2003; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
3 transmitted to the chair and the director of the legislative  
4 education study committee and to the chair and the director of  
5 the legislative finance committee.

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